

DRAFT TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL (TTC) STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2012/2013

The Teslin Tlingit Council is a progressive government that recognizes the importance of:

Our Culture

As Inland Tlingit people we must have respect for others, the spirit world and ourselves. We understand that it is our birthright, our responsibility to respectfully uphold and practice Ha-Kus-Teyea, following our ancient Tlingit law, which dictates how we live with everything. Our law is:

- Founded on our understanding of the spirit in all living things;
- Based on our respect for the land, the water, and its resources; and
- Rooted in our Clans and our traditional practices and knowledge.
- Rooted in our ancestry, history, and our traditional practices and knowledge.

Our Values

To uphold and practice our Ha-Kus-Teyea, the Teslin Tlingit Council will advance:

- **Trust and accountability**, accepting personal responsibility for one's conduct and obligations; upholding the citizen trust through ethical behavior and the fiscally responsible administration of resources.
- **Love and leadership** embracing our obligations to treat our citizens and one another with dignity, consideration and mutual respect. A caring approach enhances good relations and stimulates a supportive atmosphere for healthy work to occur.
- **Integrity**, protecting the trust of our citizens by ensuring that our actions are consistent with our Vision, Mission, and Core Values.
- **Nurturing** our children, youth, elders and families, we are committed to creating opportunities for our community and Nation.
- **Guidance** of our Nation through perseverance, hard work and determination.
- **Innovation**, creatively supporting an orientation for change and intelligent decision making at all levels of the Nation.
- **Teamwork and camaraderie**, working together towards a shared and prosperous future.

Vision

A healthy, respectful, united Teslin Inland Tlingit Nation...*part of the land, part of the water; being of one spirit, thinking with one mind, as one people.*

Our Mission

In pursuit of our Vision, the Teslin Tlingit Council is mandated to cooperatively continue to preserve and develop social, economic, political and cultural well-being of the Teslin Tlingit First Nation, to maintain our pride and independence based on trust and to conserve the wildlife habitat and traditional territory for the well-being of our future generations.

Our Government

Under Tlingit law, each Clan and each person has responsibilities to share the benefits of life with the rest of the community. This is accomplished through supporting and caring for members of our extended family, Clan and Nation; and by caring for, nurturing and supporting our children, youth and Elders. Central to this is the ancestral role undertaken by our Clan Leaders and matriarchs.

Dakh'awèdi Clan
Eagle

Ishkitàn Clan
Frog

Yanyèdi Clan
Wolf

Dèshitàn Clan
Beaver

Kùkhittàn Clan
Raven

Our Governance Goals

CULTURE & LANGUAGE

As our foundational goal, advance and strengthen Ha-Kus-Teyea in Teslin-Tlingit life.

RELATIONSHIPS

To establish and maintain strategic alliances and partnerships between ourselves and with others.

ECONOMY

To design ways and means to economically benefit as a Nation and as citizens from our territories, balanced with our responsibilities as stewards of the land and the water.

COMMUNICATION

To communicate effectively & efficiently, both internally and externally.

SYSTEMS

To design and implement appropriate plans, policies, budgets, and evaluation frameworks.

POLITICAL

To lobby for progressive implementation of our agreement and proactive changes to programs, policies, standards, and legislation.